



BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



BHR ARG'S SENIOR SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

By J03 Laura C. Wiggins

Boatswain's Mate First Class (Surface Warfare/Aviation Warfare) Richard G. Williams is the BONHOMME RICHARD (BHR) Amphibious Ready Group's (ARG) newest Senior Sailor of the Quarter.

Williams is First Division's Leading Petty Officer on board USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6). His other duties include Material Maintenance Management (3M) work center supervisor, Damage Control Training Team member, Departmental Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist Coordinator, Departmental Career Counselor, Divisional Drug & Alcohol Program Advisor, as well as an Inport Duty Section Watch Bill Coordinator. He has become a role model for the ARG through his unwavering desire for excellence, and in the amount of personal time he spends training and inspiring others to take on the never ending challenge of becoming a better Sailor.

Williams, originally from Kingston, Jamaica, joined the Navy when he was 17. When he first joined the Navy, he was interested in all the things the Navy had to offer him, like the Montgomery G. I. Bill and the chance to see the world. Fourteen years later, he strives to show what he can offer the Navy.

His first command was the USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29), homeported in Con-

cord Calif. In his five years aboard, he went from an undesignated Seaman Recruit to a Boatswain's Mate Second class. It was there that he received what would become the foundation for the rest of his Naval career.

"Being on a logistics ship was a very demanding tour. You are constantly on call to supply ammunition

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Boatswain's Mate First Class Richard Williams receives his certificate as BONHOMME RICHARD Amphibious Ready Group Senior Sailor of the Quarter from Rear Admiral Steve Smith during Admiral's Call in the ship's Upper Vehicle Stowage. (Photo by PH3 Scott Adam Webb.)

A DAY TO REMEMBER

By ABHAN Dino De La Hoya

On the fifth of May, a jubilee with laughter, tradition, solidarity and pride fill the households of Mexicans as the Battle of Puebla in 1862 is remembered and celebrated. Behind the fanfare, also known as Cinco de Mayo, lies a valued moment in time where sacrifice and perseverance delivered its wrath on the French Army and their attempt to occupy Mexico City.

The early- and mid-eighteen hundreds were not a good time for Mexico. Between their European debts, a civil war and strife with the United States, Mexico's economy laid in shambles. Growing restless at Mexico's debt, Napoleon of France instructed his relative, Archduke Maximilian, to invade Mexico City and claim it under his rule. Though troops under General Seguin of Mexico held back the French invasion at Puebla with their militia, a mere 4,500 soldiers, the triumph was short-lived due to Napoleon's reinforcement count of 30,000 soldiers to counterattack France's loss with



their initial 6,500 troops. The influx of soldiers allowed Maximilian to rule over Mexico though it was only from 1864 to 1867.

The bravery that these Mexican warriors had, despite the limited resources at the Puebla conflict, is well honored to this day. Mexicans proudly commemorate these fallen heroes with every cheer, toast and festivity to symbolize their heroic predecessors.

STOCK MARKET

DOW:	10,480.13	DOWN	250.99
NASDAQ:	3,707.31	DOWN	78.14
S&P 500:	1,415.10	DOWN	31.19
NYSE:	631.91	DOWN	13.84

BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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FRIDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1030 THAT 70'S SHOW

1100 MASK OF ZORRO

1630 ER

1730 JEOPARDY

1800 BEVERLY HILLS 90210

1900 NOVA

2000 PHOENIX

2200 NOTHING TO LOSE

CHANNEL 6

1030 SPIN CITY

1100 MICKEY BLUE EYES

1630 BIG DADDY

1800 U TURN

2000 GALAXY QUEST

2200 THE MESSENGER

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

SAILOR OF THE QUARTER From Page 1 and fuel to just about any and every ship out on deployment. That was definitely the most demanding tour I have faced in the Navy," said Williams.

In 1991, after his first reenlistment, he was transferred to Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA) in San Francisco, where he was responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the Rig Shop and Sail Loft. During his time there, he achieved the rate of Boatswain's Mate First Class.

After SIMA, he reenlisted once again and moved to Charleston, S. C. where he was stationed aboard yet another ammunition ship, USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28). During his time on board the "Santa B", he was responsible for the smooth transfer of several million gallons of fuel and over 20,000 incident free ordnance lifts.

In 1998, he arrived in San Diego, Calif. and checked in to the Pre-Commissioning Detachment for BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6). After a few months in San Diego, he flew out to meet the ship for the first time at the Pre-Commissioning Unit in Pascagoula, Miss. Three days after the ship was commissioned, it embarked on its very first underway period that started in Pensacola, Fla., continued around the tip of South America, and ended at it's homeport in San Diego.

During the two-month underway period, Williams' biggest success was turning recruits that were fresh out of "boot camp" into Deck Seaman as well as qualified underway watchstanders.

"Training the new Seamen was a very challenging task. Watching them change from new recruits into finely tuned Sailors was extremely rewarding. Through constant tutoring, arduous training, and with the assistance from the other petty officers in the department, we were able to make their conversion a success."

Williams' list of personal awards includes: three Good Conduct Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals and one Navy

CONGRATULATIONS

Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist

ABF1 Juan Ruiz
PC2(SW) Dorothy Pegram
AC2 Mathew Bishop

Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist

HT1 Brian Self
MM2 Peterno Andaya

Commendation Medal. Even though he has spent most of his time on training his division, he has also been able to get a little training in for himself and acquire both his enlisted surface and aviation warfare pins.

"The Navy is a great way to travel the world, meet people from every walk of life, and at the same time earn valuable money for college. You can't beat that," he said when asked how he feels about the Navy today.

Williams took the Chief's exam this past January and is eagerly awaiting the results. "Competition is really tough these days and in order to advance you've really got to separate yourself from your peers. It is important to work hard towards your warfare qualifications, and study diligently for the rating exams. It also really helps to volunteer for as many collateral duties as you can handle without over tasking yourself."

He has also made a commitment to never stop learning. "I still have not met all of the goals that I have set for myself. I am continually striving to achieve those goals and hopefully by the time I retire in six years, I will be able to say that I have."

For his next assignment, he hopes to be a Recruit Division Commander (RDC). "An RDC is involved in the training of brand new recruits that are the future of the Navy. I want to be a part of that first step in their career."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ISREAL TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

By CNN

Israel has pledged to the United Nations that it will "end de facto Israeli control" of a border zone in southern Lebanon after its planned troop withdrawal in July, said a United Nations special envoy.

The U.N. envoy made the comments on his arrival for talks in Beirut. The statement was being interpreted by observers as the strongest indication yet that the Israeli government was preparing to break its 22-year alliance with the South Lebanon Army, a 2,500-strong militia paid and armed by Israel, which helps its troops patrol the occupied border zone.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan's special envoy, Terje Roed-Larsen, said he had discussed the implementation of the 1978 U.N. resolutions demanding unconditional Israeli withdrawal with officials during his visit to Israel last week.

MISSING COMPUTER HAD SECRETS

By CNN

The U.S. State Department laptop computer that went missing from a sixth floor room was loaded with "code word" top secret information about the sources and methods used to spy around the globe.

No secrets are more closely held by the intelligence community than "sources and methods," the ways in which raw intelligence is gathered.

That could include anything from so-called signals intelligence, the methods used to eavesdrop on conversations among other nations' officials, to the identity of a U.S. spy.

SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES:

Anaheim	6	Baltimore	5
Boston	4	Detroit	2
NY Yankees	6	Cleveland	5
Texas	5	Tampa Bay	1
Chi. White Sox	7	Toronto	3
Oakland	14	Kansas City	5
Minnesota	5	Seattle	4
Chi. Cubs	4	Houston	3
Colorado	16	Montreal	7
Philadelphia	5	Cincinnati	2
San Francisco	8	NY Mets	5
Milwaukee	4	Arizona	1
Pittsburgh	8	St. Louis	2
Los Angeles	6	Atlanta	4
San Diego	3	Florida	1

BASKETBALL SCORES:

Seattle	104	Utah	93
(Series tied 2-2)			

HOCKEY SCORES:

Colorado	3	Detroit	2
(Colorado leads series 3-1)			
Toronto	3	New Jersey	2
(Series tied 2-2)			



Machinery Repairman Second Class Kristian Nyberg and Damage Controlman Third Class Andrew Nelson measure a tool they are manufacturing for AIMD. The Machine Repair Shop's responsibilities include engraving, locksmith work, and the manufacturing of various tools and parts from plastics and metals. (Photo by JO3 Laura C. Wiggins.)



Shopping Tips for Insurance

SAVE MONEY ON AUTO INSURANCE

- Compare prices.
- Use the auto-insurance buyer's guide.
- Don't buy collision and comprehensive coverage from the lender.
- Buy a car that is inexpensive to repair.
- Raise the deductibles.
- Have sufficient liability coverage.
- Consider dropping collision insurance on older cars.
- Take advantage of discounts.
- Describe exactly how your car is used.
- Notify insurer about changes that could lower rates.
- Pay entire premium when due.
- Share your car with a teenager (insurance for a car they own is even more expensive).
- Drive safely.

SAVE MONEY ON HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE

- Compare prices.
- Use the homeowners-insurance buyer's guide.
- Buy all your property and casualty insurance from the same company.
- Install deadbolt locks, smoke detectors, a fire extinguisher, and burglar alarms.
- Pay annually.
- Raise the deductible.
- Quit smoking.
- Buy replacement-cost coverage.
- Have sufficient liability coverage.
- Buy a recently built house.
- Don't over-insure (don't include price of the land your house is on).

TIPS TO REMEMBER

- Purchase insurance to cover catastrophic losses, not small losses.
- Generally, one comprehensive policy is better than a number of smaller ones.